

# FROM INVOLVEMENT TO ENGAGEMENT



## START THE JOURNEY

### Think of the benefits!

- Children value school
- Grades improve
- Attendance increases
- Positive social skills develop
- Better communication with families

## EXPECT VARIETY

### Parents have varying goals, needs & challenges

Current parent involvement initiatives are milestones on the way to effective parent engagement! Consider more opportunities that will appeal to different parents.



## HURDLES & BARRIERS: JUMP OR DETOUR!

### Common reasons why parents are not involved:

- Feeling unwelcome or not needed
- Opportunities are not interesting or require specific skills
- Staff aren't trained to support parents
- External issues, like childcare needs, transportation, scheduling conflicts



## FIND A NEW DIRECTION

### Principles to guide you:

- Recognize & respect current efforts
- Think of parents as real partners!
- Create space for parents
- Tap into the interests of families
- Offer a variety of opportunities
- Honor cultural & linguistic diversity
- Be realistic, patient, and brave



## GATHER RUNNING BUDDIES

### Education is a Team Sport:

"...education is a collective effort in which the general public must participate. Parents and community stakeholders and partners must be mobilized in a spirit of cooperation and accountability."

- MEES Policy on Student Success, 2018



LEARN offers resources and tools for schools to assess the needs of families and staff members to develop family engagement strategies. Download these tools and find out more on our website or contact the Provincial Resource Team.

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